

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

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Present: The Honorable JOHN A. KRONSTADT, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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Proceedings: **DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO TRANSFER (DKT. 35; LA CV14-03106 - Ford);**

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**DEFENDANT’S PARTIAL MOTION TO DISMISS AMENDED COMPLAINT,
OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE, FOR A MORE DEFINITE STATEMENT (DKT.
38; LA CV14-02962 – Nissan);**

**DEFENDANT’S MOTION TO DISMISS PLAINTIFF’S FIRST AMENDED
COMPLAINT (DKT. 34; LA CV14-03109 – Mercedes-Benz);**

**DEFENDANT’S MOTION TO DISMISS THE CLAIMS FOR WILLFUL
INFRINGEMENT IN PLAINTIFF’S FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT (DKT. 35;
LA CV14-03113 – Volkswagen);**

SCHEDULING CONFERENCE (all cases)

The motion hearing is held. The Court states its tentative views that it is inclined to grant in part Defendant Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.’s Motion to Dismiss the Claims for Willful Infringement in Plaintiff’s First Amended Complaint (the “Volkswagen Motion”), Defendant Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC’s Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff’s First Amended Complaint (the “Mercedes Motion”), and Defendant Nissan North America, Inc.’s Motion to Dismiss Amended Complaint, or in the Alternative, for a More Definite Statement (the “Nissan Motion”). The Court states its tentative views that it is inclined to grant Ford Motor Company’s Motion to Transfer (the “Ford Motion”), and discusses the possibility of transferring the case after claim construction. Counsel address the Court. The Court takes the Volkswagen Motion, Mercedes Motion, Ford Motion and Nissan Motion UNDER SUBMISSION and will issue a ruling.

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The Scheduling Conference is held. The Court confers with counsel regarding the joint report filed in each of the parties' respective cases. The Court sets the following deadlines as to all actions:

TBD:	Last day to participate in a settlement conference/mediation
TBD:	Post Mediation Status Conference
October 14, 2014:	Infringement Contentions
October 28, 2014:	Exchange of Claim Terms
November 14, 2014:	Exchange Proposed Constructions and Evidence
December 12, 2014:	Complete Claim Construction Discovery
December 19, 2014:	Joint Markman Hearing Prehearing Statement
January 9, 2015:	Simultaneous Opening Markman Briefs
January 30, 2015:	Simultaneous Responding Markman Briefs, Tutorials, and Presentation/Powerpoint Materials
February 23, 2015 at 10:00 am:	Markman Hearing
March 11, 2015:	Claim Construction Decision Issued (<i>anticipated</i>)

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March 23, 2015:

Joint Report re Scheduling & Case Progression

March 30, 2015 at 1:30 pm:

Status Conference re Scheduling

Counsel are reminded that these actions are not consolidated and, therefore, all pleadings and documents shall be filed in the respective case.

Counsel shall meet and confer and file a joint report no later than October 8, 2014, which shall address: (i) whether a third party neutral facilitator, either a Magistrate Judge or a private special master, shall be appointed to assist the parties with settlement and coordination of the cases to reduce costs and advance resolution; (ii) if so, the identification of the specific matter(s) that this person would oversee; (iii) which parties, if any, intend to file a motion to transfer and, if so, when the motion is anticipated to be filed; (iv) what issues, if any, remain to be resolved at the present time in light of the schedule that has been set for the case through claim construction and any agreements the parties are able to reach; and (v) whether the parties propose to amend slightly any of the dates that have been set.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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